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- 1. THE EFFORTS OF OECD PARIS (REF B) AND OF THE EMBASSY (REF C) ARE APPRECIATED BUT THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES, EITHER BY INTENT OR OVERSIGHT, HAVE OMITTED GIVING THE CRUCIAL PARAMETERS OF THE POSITIONING ACCURACY OF THE HILLE-HENSCHEL MODEL 100 3-AXIS CONTOURING VERTICAL MACHINE CENTERS LICENSED FOR EXPORT TO THE USSR, AS WELL AS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE ACCOMPANYING SEIMENS 550 CE CONTROL UNITS. LACKING THAT DATA, US TECHNICAL EXPERTS ARE UNABLE TO SAY WHETHER THAT GERMAN EQUIPMENT IS IN FACT COMPARABLE TO THAT IN THE TRANSACTION MENTIONED IN THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 3 IN REF A.
- 2. WE REALIZE THAT THE ISSUE OF GERMAN CREDIBILITY NOW CONFIDENTIAL

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PLACES A SENSITIVE COMPLEXION ON FURTHER QUESTIONS RE THE

MATTER AND THAT IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY AWKWARD FOR THE EMBASSY TO APPROACH DUECHTING FOR THAT INFORMATION. THEREFORE, THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN THROUGH OPEN AND NON-OFFICIAL SOURCES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BROCHURES AND OTHER TECHNICAL DATA, EITHER IN GERMAN OR ENGLISH, PERTAINING TO THE ENTIRE LINE OF HILLE-HENSCHEL MACHINE TOOLS, PARTICULARLY THE MODEL 100 AND THE SEIMENS 550 CE CONTROL UNIT. TO BE USEFUL, THE HILLE-HENSCHEL LITERATURE MUST CONTAIN POSITIONING ACCURACY INFORMATION.

3. THE MATERIAL COLLECTED SHOULD BE AIR-POUCHED TO COMMERCE'S OFFICE OF EXPORT ADMINISTRATION, MARKED FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR. J.F. DYTRT, ROOM 2626, MAIN COMMERCE BUILDING. CABLE NOTIFICATION OF THE ACQUISITION OF THE REQUESTED INFORMATION PRIOR TO POUCHING WOULD BE MOST USEFUL. KISSINGER

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